



# QUOTH THE MAVEN

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## Psalm of These Days

With all the problems in the world today, you'd think the Rabbi would know what to do. After all, it's Yom Kippur and I'm repenting and hungry. And when the Rabbi gives me a sermon I want him to be soothing and tell me my problems and problems of the universe are just little ones. All I need is a verbal pat on the head and everything will be all right.

But no. The Rabbi has to tell me how terrible the world is and infer that I'm doing little to change it and imply that there are no pat solutions to anything anyhow.

After the evening services, I tried to tell him. "Rabbi," I said, "I didn't come to Shul for t'surus. I have enough of that already with planning the Bar Mitzvah and the wedding. So how about some quiet and calm for a change?"

And you know what the Rabbi did? He smiled. And the next day he didn't change the tone of his sermon one whit. And me a dues paying member too!

And that isn't all. I am sure the Rabbi inserted some extra passages in the prayer-book that weren't there last year. (Even though my husband tried to tell me the book hasn't been changed for maybe 20 years.)

The Rabbi insisted on reading scary portions that seem more applicable to today's living than any I ever noticed before. (My husband said I had not noticed before because I was always so worried what our kids would say or do during the service. And until now I never had a chance to listen.)

I guess it is different now with the children

## Keep in Touch

Every Rosh Hashana time you have to buy New Year cards (frequently with donor credit) to send to the relatives you haven't seen since you were married.

But a card with a mere "Love" and signatures of everybody including the dog is not enough. Tante Bloomeh wants to know what you've been doing the 365 days since your last greeting.

If you could tell her what you're really doing, like dishes, laundry, carpools and screaming, you could fill up the card right away. But no. Instead Tante Bloomeh wants to hear about your "Activities."

So what constitutes "Activities?" The only person I know who always has "Activities" is Tante Bloomeh's daughter Naomi. Cousin Naomi's New Year card is just one gay, exciting happening.

This morning after reading Cousin Naomi's card for the seventh time, I realized I too can write about glowing, superlative activities. And it is not necessary to lie. (That's not nice this time of the year.)

A New Year's letter should have a special spontaneous sound, like just dashed off. And it should say the things your reader wants to hear.

I'll give you a for-instance: MY DEAR TANTE BLOOMEH AND UNCLE SHLOIMEH, (you start off friendly, warm) I CAN'T BELIEVE A WHOLE YEAR HAS PASSED ALREADY. (you sound busy, fulfilled,) MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE

older and almost civilized. I used to think I was the only one with kids who managed to make noise breathing when in the same room with a brother or sister. Anything to make a mother happy.

But I noticed during the part of the service that said we beg forgiveness "For the sin which we have sinned against Thee by disrespect for parents and teachers," every parent gave a klop to every child.

Another bit of advice I'd like to give the Rabbi is not to have people sit in the last two rows. I sat there one day. And for some reason those two rows seem to be the most distracting (or most easily distracted). Maybe it's because those two rows are near the door and you automatically have to smile at every latecomer.

At the conclusion of Yom Kippur Services, it is always easy to tell the people who have fasted from the people who have faked. For the people who have fasted are not eager to stick around and observe little last minute courtesies, like wishing a Good Year to friends they missed.

Instead they head for the water fountain, a cigarette or home.

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